

37.0 MEXICAN OPERATOR'S LICENSE TRANSACTION

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37.1 DESCRIPTION

The Licencia Federal Information System (LIFIS) now responds to all Nlets user driver license queries (DQ), regardless of the type of ORI assigned to them, e.g. FBI or Nlets.

It will begin responding to driver history queries (KQ) inquiries. A policy has not yet been established as to whether there may be any restriction on responses to driver history queries (KQ) by type of ORI.

Users can inquire to the Licencia Federal Information System (LIFIS) to obtain license and status information about federally issued Mexican commercial driver licenses, just as such driver license queries (DQ) can be made to U.S. state driver license files for any U.S. issued license.

See Appendix A, Section 33.0 for XML vehicle registration formats and examples.
See Appendix B, Section 33.0 for Native vehicle registration formats and examples.

37.1.1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Effective November 21, 1991 the United States recognized the commercial driver license issued by the Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes (SCT), the Licencia Federal de Conductor, as being comparable to a U.S. issued commercial driver license (CDL).

As of February 2000, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) provisions for allowing cross border for-hire commercial traffic have not yet been implemented. However, it is possible U.S. enforcement officers can encounter Mexican drivers with a licencia federal legally operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in the U.S.

Mexican for-hire carriers can legally operate from Mexico through the U.S. to a destination in Canada.

Though rare, such movements are legal because the carrier is not engaged in commerce in the U.S., and thus does not need U.S. operating authority issued by the U.S.DOT, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Such operations DO need to comply with all safety and other requirements, e.g., driver licensing, fuel taxes, registration taxes, vehicle safety.

In addition, Mexican based (domiciled) private carriers, principally owned by a U.S. investor, may obtain operating authority from the FMCSA to operate anywhere in the United States.

There are a number of companies which claim this is their ownership status and have obtained this type of operating authority. Although they may legally operate anywhere in the U.S., these carriers are restricted to hauling private carriage (their own products). It is also possible for a Mexican domiciled company to get similar authority for hauling exempt commodities (basically agricultural.) All such Mexican companies can use Mexican drivers with a licencia federal issued by the SCT to operate their commercial vehicles in the U.S.

Any Mexican based carrier can obtain authority to operate in a border commercial zone of the U.S.

37.2 INQUIRY MESSAGE KEY

 Driver Record Query

37.3 INQUIRY DESTINATION LIMITATIONS

DQ Destination code must be “MX”

37.4 DATA ELEMENTS




37.4.1 DQ DATA ELEMENTS

Field	MFC
Message key	None
ORI of requesting agency	None
Destination state or region	None
Fixed field prefix denoting beginning of message	TXT
Operators license number	OLN/
RFC # (similar to US Soc)	RFC/
CURP # (more secure OLN)	New version of OLN

Inquiries by name and date of birth are not allowed.

37.4.2 DQ INQUIRY FORMATS

DQ• ORI•__•MX•TXT OLN/____•RFC/____
OR
•CURP/_____

-  Mandatory fields
-  Conditional field; Image optional in DQ; not allowed in DQG
-  Optional fields

37.4.3 INQUIRY BY OLN - EXAMPLE

DQ.NL0000000.MX.TXT OLN/123456789

OR

DQ.NL0000000.MX.TXT OLN/123456789.RFC/1234567

OR

DQ.NL0000000.MX.TXT OLN/123456789.CURP/123455667

37.5 INQUIRY RESPONSES

Responses to DQ inquiries can include:

- Any or all of the following data elements:
 - NAM Name
 - Address
 - DOB DOB
 - Physical description
 - RFC or CURP #
 - License Type
 - Restrictions
 - Status
 - OLN Number
- NOT ON FILE

37.5.1 INQUIRY RESPONSES DETAILS

Licenses not currently in the database at the time of the inquiry will be updated within 15 or less days to show the outcome of the verification, and that status information will be returned on any subsequent Nlets checks.

Nlets responses from LIFIS use the following status indicators:

- If the license information is not in the database at the time of the initial inquiry, the status will indicate this by using the word CHECKING. This means the current status is being obtained from Mexico;
- If the license information was previously added, then the current status of the licencia federal will be returned. Possible status responses include VALID, EXPIRED, DISQUALIFIED, NOT ISSUED;
- If Mexico has not responded within 15 days, the status returned will be ASSUMED NOT ISSUED.

37.5.2 EXPIRATION INFORMATION

The label “EXP” found on the lower left part of the current license, is an abbreviation for the Spanish word “Expedición,” which means the date of issuance. It is **NOT** an abbreviation of the English word Expiration. The licencia federal issuance date field uses the day-month-year order (which is different from the order used for the date of birth in the RFC field; see the description above).

The “VENC” field (found on the lower right part of license) indicates the date of expiration of the document in day-month-year order. When the document expires, a new document is issued.

When the new license document is issued to the driver, the new document indicates the driver now has been issued his or her second 10-year document by placing the additional letter “W” in front of the existing letters as the beginning of license number. Similarly the next license issued begins with an “X” indicating that license document is for a driver with over 20 years since the original licencia federal was issued to that driver.

37.5.3 INQUIRY RESPONSES - EXAMPLE

VALID LICENSE RESPONSE

MSG # 3. TEST RECORD. RESPONSE FROM VERSION 2.2, LIFIS.
MUESTRA-EJEMPLO, JUAN GARCIA
ORIGINAL LICENSING OFFICE/NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO.
SEX/M. DOB/011546. HGT/5'10". WGT/180. EYE/BROWN. RFC/MUEJ460115.
OLN/GOOD123456.
CATEGORIA/A. EXPIRES/10142001. STATUS/VALID.
OLT/A - ANY BUS.
CATEGORIA/C. EXPIRES/10142001. STATUS/VALID.
OLT/C - STRAIGHT TRUCKS (MAXIMUM OF 3 AXLES INCLUDING ANY TOWED TRAILER)
EXCLUDING HAZMATS.

FIRST CHECK – INTERIM - RESPONSE

It is possible a driver can be stopped and checked who may have a valid licencia federal, but has not yet been added to the current database. The driver should be advised that if the Mexico City SCT headquarters does not verify to the computer system within 15 days that the license is valid, he or she will then be placed out of service.

MSG # 1. RESPONSE FROM VERSION 2.2, LIFIS.
OLN/FIRST123456.
CATEGORIA/C. STATUS/CHECKING.
OLT/C - THIS CATEGORIA IS FOR STRAIGHT TRUCKS (MAXIMUM OF 3 AXLES INCLUDING ANY TOWED TRAILER) EXCLUDING HAZMATS.
THIS LICENSE NUMBER IS NEW TO THE INTERIM LIFIS, AND WILL BE VERIFIED WITHIN 15 DAYS.
IF THE MEXICO CITY SCT HEADQUARTERS DOES NOT SEND THE NECESSARY LICENSE INFORMATION WITHIN 15 DAYS, THE COMPUTER WILL BEGIN ANSWERING THAT THE LICENSE IS ASSUMED NOT VALID.
IF THE LICENSE DOCUMENT SAYS "LICENCIA FEDERAL DE CONDUCTOR," AND CONTAINS EMBOSSEMENTS ON ALL YEARS IN THE REF FIELD, UP TO AND INCLUDING THE MOST RECENT YEAR REQUIRED, THEN ADVISE DRIVER THE COMPUTER SYSTEM IS VERIFYING THE LICENSE.

SUBSEQUENT CHECK RESPONSE

It is possible a subsequent inquiry could be made on a driver during the currently allowed 15 day computer validation period while waiting on the data to be obtained and placed in the database. In such cases the officer will receive a response indicating how many days remain from the original 15 days, as indicated in the following example.

The following response is on a subsequent inquiry on a driver who was previously inquired about, but has not yet been verified by Mexico, and is within the currently allowed 15 day grace period.

MSG # 2. TEST RECORD. RESPONSE FROM VERSION 2.2, LIFIS.
OLN/SUBSE123456.
CATEGORIA/C. STATUS/CHECKING.
OLT/C - THIS CATEGORIA IS FOR STRAIGHT TRUCKS (MAXIMUM OF 3 AXLES INCLUDING ANY TOWED TRAILER) EXCLUDING HAZMATS.
THIS LICENCIA FEDERAL WAS RECENTLY INQUIRED ABOUT AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING VERIFIED. IF THE MEXICO CITY SCT HEADQUARTERS OFFICE DOES NOT RESPOND WITHIN [x] DAYS, THE LIFIS WILL BEGIN REPORTING THE STATUS OF THIS CATEGORIA AS ASSUMED NOT VALID.
IF LICENSE DOCUMENT SAYS "LICENCIA FEDERAL DE CONDUCTOR," AND CONTAINS EMBOSSEMENTS ON ALL YEARS IN REF FIELD, UP TO AND INCLUDING THE MOST RECENT YEAR REQUIRED, THEN ADVISE DRIVER ONLY [x] DAYS REMAIN FOR THE MEXICO CITY SCT OFFICE TO VERIFY THIS LICENCIA FEDERAL.

NO RESPONSE WITHIN 15 DAYS

If the Mexican SCT/DGAF headquarters office in Mexico City does not provide the interim agreed information about a licencia federal driver license number within the agreed 15 days, the LIFIS database will be updated to show the status of that driver license number as ASSUMED NOT VALID.

When the U.S. has failed to receive a response within the agreed interim 15 days, the officer would receive a response like the following:

In the following record, the driver has been encountered in the U.S., an inquiry made on the status of the driver, and the record was either not in the database, or needed to be updated, e.g. to verify whether the driver obtained the necessary two-year re-validation, and Mexico City headquarters failed to respond within the interim 15 days allowed.

MSG # 12. TEST RECORD. RESPONSE FROM VERSION 2.2, LIFIS.
OLN/NORSP123456.
CATEGORIA/C. STATUS/ASSUME NOT VALID.
OLT/C - THIS CATEGORIA IS FOR STRAIGHT TRUCKS (MAXIMUM OF 3 AXLES INCLUDING ANY TOWED TRAILER) EXCLUDING HAZMATS.
THIS LICENSE NUMBER/CLASS COMBINATION WAS NOT VALIDATED BY THE MEXICO CITY SCT HEADQUARTERS WITHIN THE 15 DAY AGREE TIME PERIOD. UNTIL THE MEXICO CITY SCT HEADQUARTERS VALIDATES THIS LICENSE NUMBER/CLASS COMBINATION, IT SHOULD BE TREATED AS NOT VALID IN THE U.S.
EVEN IF THE DRIVER HAS A LETTER OR DOCUMENT FROM A LOCAL SCT OFFICE TO THE CONTRARY, THIS LICENSE SHOULD BE TREATED AS NOT VALID IN THE U.S. IT IS AGAINST MEXICO CITY HEADQUARTERS POLICY FOR LOCAL SCT OFFICES TO ISSUE A LETTER CONTRADICTING THE LICENSE DOCUMENT. ALL LICENCIA FEDERAL VALIDATIONS MUST COME THROUGH MEXICO CITY HEADQUARTERS OFFICIAL CHANNELS, AND BE INCLUDED IN THE LIFIS DATABASE TO BE VALID IN THE U.S.

NON-EXISTANT / NON-ISSUED

If an initial inquiry was made, and the Mexico City SCT headquarters responded that the license and/or class was not issued, the officer will receive a response like the following:

MSG # 7. TEST RECORD. RESPONSE FROM VERSION 2.2, LIFIS.
OLN/BAD123456.
CATEGORIA/B. STATUS/NOT ISSUED.
OLT/B - THIS CATEGORIA IS FOR ANY TRUCK (INCLUDING STRAIGHT, COMBINATION,
DOUBLES, TRIPLES AND TANK), BUT EXCLUDING HAZMATS.
THIS DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER AND CATEGORIA COMBINATION WAS NOT ISSUED BY THE SCT
FOR OPERATION OF A CMV.

37.6 AUTOMATED HELP FILES

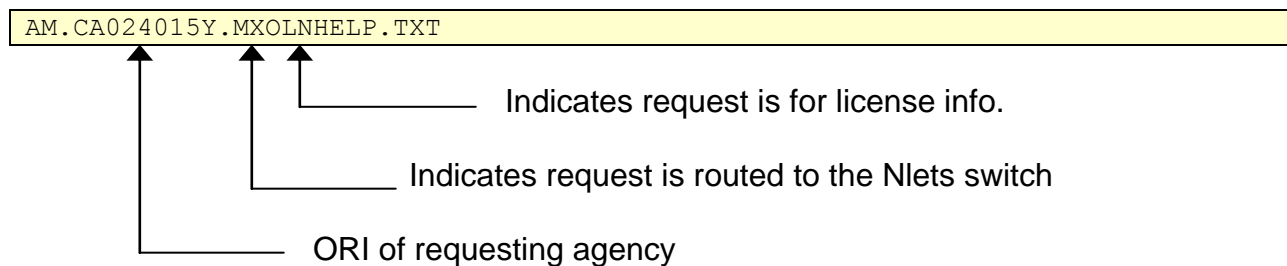
There are three categories of help for the Mexican operator's license inquiry. They are:

- Nlets and LIFIS automated help
- Live help
- Automatic application diagnostic responses

37.6.1 NLETS HELP FILE INQUIRY

The Nlets automated "Help" file provides explanatory information on this transaction. For the LIFIS application it covers highlights of Mexican federal commercial driver licenses, and the Licencia Federal Information System (LIFIS).

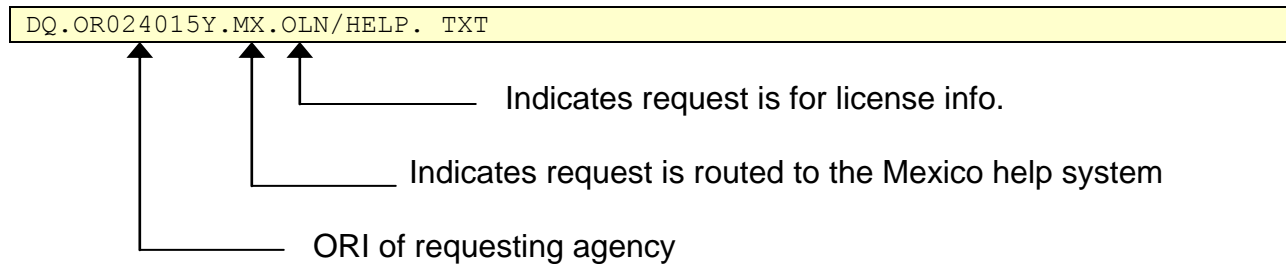
37.6.1.1 HELP FILE INQUIRY FORMAT



37.6.2 LIFIS HELP FILE INQUIRY

The LIFIS application supports a number of detailed application specific help files that can be requested. To obtain LIFIS help, send a Driver License Query (DQ) addressed to MX with the OLN value of HELP.

37.6.2.1 LIFIS FILE INQUIRY FORMAT



Using the various codes, shown below, in the OLN field will return different helpful information

<i>CODE</i>	<i>INFORMATION RECEIVED</i>
HELP	Definitions of other available help messages.
HELPDEF	Short definitions for all Mexican categorías.
HELPOLN	Rules for constructing a correct OLN for an inquiry to the LIFIS.
HELPTTESTGOOD	List of Mexican test OLN.
HELPTTESTERROR	List of Mexican test OLN error responses

37.6.3 LIFIS LIVE - PERSON TO PERSON HELP

The designated Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) provider, TML Information Services, provides 24-hour phone support for answering questions regarding responses provided by the LIFIS.

All system responses contain both a version number and a message reference number – this data should be used when calling for assistance.

The number for questions is 800-743-7891.

37.6.4 AUTOMATIC APPLICATION DIAGNOSTIC RESPONSES

There are a large number of analysis filters built into the LIFIS application. They assist users by identifying, in detail, whether the inquiry information may have entered incorrectly, and if so, what the user should double check.

37.6.4.1 ERROR MESSAGES

The following table explains any error message that may be received in response to a Mexican Driver license query. Version 2.2 of LIFIS has seven possible error details explaining specific problems that could occur with the Driver's License Number (OLN) that was entered. The appropriate explanatory detail would be received in the section of the error message labeled as Error Details

NOTE. If the license document says it is a licencia federal, and there is a letter in the numeric portion of the license number, then the document **probably** is fraudulent.

#	Error Message
21	YOU DID NOT INCLUDE THE LETTERS WHICH ARE THE BEGINNING OF THE LICENSE NUMBER.
22	THE LETTERS YOU INCLUDED AS THE BEGINNING OF THE LIC. No. ARE NOT FOR A VALID MEXICAN FEDERAL OFFICE THAT ISSUES LICENCIAS FEDERALES.
23	YOU DID NOT INCLUDE A VALUE AT THE END OF THE OLN FOR A CLASS (CATEGORIA) YOU WANT TO VERIFY. THE CATEGORIA(S) YOU SHOULD INCLUDE AT THE END OF THE OLN ARE SHOWN ON THE UPPER, RIGHT FRONT OF THE LICENSE DOCUMENT OVER THE PHOTO.
24	THERE ARE TOO MANY NUMERIC DIGITS IN THE NUMBER ENTERED.
25	A LICENCIA FEDERAL LICENSE NUMBER DOES NOT HAVE MORE THAN FIVE LETTERS AS THE BEGINNING OF THE OPERATOR LICENSE NUMBER. THIS ENTRY HAS TOO MANY LETTERS.
26	ONLY LETTERS AND NUMBERS MAY BE ENTERED. IF THE LICENSE NUMBER ON THE DOCUMENT CONTAINS A NON-ALPHANUMERIC CHARACTER, RESUBMIT THE INQUIRY WITHOUT THE NON-ALPHANUMERIC CHARACTER.
27	YOU ENTERED A LETTER IN ONE OF THE SIX NUMERIC POSITIONS WHICH MUST CONTAIN ONLY NUMERIC DIGITS.

37.6.5 INTERPRETATION OF MEXICAN DRIVER LICENSES

37.6.5.1 MEXICAN FEDERAL COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE DOCUMENT

Just as U.S. states issue different license documents over time, the Mexican SCT has used a variety of different looking documents for the licencia federal. However, their rate of changes is relatively slow. They have been using the current format for about six years, and thus it is now the most commonly encountered at the roadside. However, Mexico is busy with preparations for a new, more security conscious document that they may begin issuing in the near future.

Nlets access to the Mexican SCT issued Licencia Federal (LIFIS) data for commercial drivers is provided through a U.S. gateway operated for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). The gateway operator automatically provides English translations of relevant material in the LIFIS responses.

The layout of information on the current version of the licencia federal issued by the SCT to operate a CMV is illustrated in this section.

The first information a roadside enforcement officer should look for is the statement near the top of the document, in bold, that says this document is a LICENCIA FEDERAL DE CONDUCTOR. This enables the officer to quickly distinguish such a license from one issued by a Mexican state to a driver.

Mexican state driver licenses are NOT valid for operating a CMV in which requires a CDL in the U.S.

The information required for a current LIFIS variation on the OLN is as follows:

- The complete LIC number which must include the alphabetic characters at the beginning.
- The Class (Categoría) to be verified.

These two pieces of information are found on the front of the Licencia Federal document.

As of February 2000 it looks like the following image:

SECRETARIA DE COMUNICACIONES Y TRANSPORTES
SUBSECRETARIA DE TRANSPORTE
DIRECCION GENERAL DE AUTOTRANSPORTE FEDERAL
LICENCIA FEDERAL DE CONDUCTOR
CATEGORIA

NOMBRE _____
DOMICILIO _____
FOTO _____

LIC. No. _____
EXP. _____ REF. _____ VENC. _____
ESTA LICENCIA NO ES VALIDA SIN EL REFERENCIAL CORRESPONDIENTE

DIRECTOR GENERAL DE AUTOTRANSPORTE FEDERAL
105441

For the licencia federal to be valid to operate a CMV in the U.S., the holder must either have just received a new license document issued in the last two years, or their license document must have been re-validated for all intervening years. The re-validation is indicated by an embossment(s) in the REF field, located in the lower middle part of the license.

If the embossments in the REF field do not indicate the license has been re-validated for each of the two year periods up to and including the date when you inspect the document, the driver is not currently valid to be operating a CMV.

To assist users with determining if the driver has obtained the required two year re-validation, LIFIS responses spell out the word EXPIRES to make it explicit when the current permission to drive a CMV expires.

37.6.5.2 FEDERAL COMMERCIAL MEXICAN DRIVER LICENSE CATEGORIES

There are six (6) categorías, or classes, that can be on a commercial license issued by the SCT. The SCT uses the letter codes of A thru F.

THE CODES A, B and C APPEAR to be the same as those used for U.S. commercial driver licenses, but Mexican Licencia Federal CATEGORIAS (CLASSES) do **NOT** use the same definitions!

The SCT began issuing licencias federales with a categoría F in the fall of 1999 for taxi drivers providing service out of airports and seaports.

CATEGORÍAS OF LICENCIA FEDERAL ISSUED BY THE MEXICAN SCT/DGAF:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
A	Authorizes holder to operate all sizes of passenger buses. The bus can carry mixed cargo, (e.g., under the bus) but NOT placardable amounts of hazardous material. This is roughly comparable to a U.S. class B CDL with a passenger endorsement. Note. A limited number of this categoría were previously issued to airport and seaport taxi drivers, but with a restriction on the back of the license to 12 passenger maximum.
B	Authorizes holder to operate all commercial freight trucks and combinations, excluding carrying placardable amounts of hazardous materials. This is roughly comparable to a U.S. class A CDL with endorsements for tank, and double/triples.
C	Authorizes holder to operate commercial straight freight trucks (with a maximum of 3 axles, including any trailer axle) excluding hazardous materials. This is roughly comparable to a U.S. class B CDL with a tank endorsement.
D	There is no comparable CDL definition. Authorizes holder to operate automobiles and small buses which do not exceed 7,716 pounds (3500kg) or have a capacity to carry no more than 13 passengers (including the driver who also serves as the tour guide) for purposes of tourism.
E	Authorizes holder to operate any type of freight truck, including combination vehicles, and includes carrying placardable amounts of hazardous materials. This is roughly comparable to a U.S. class A CDL with endorsements for hazardous materials, tank, and double/triples.
F	Taxi drivers operating from any airport or seaport in Mexico. Note. This is because airports and seaports are federal and require a federal license, similar to driving a commercial vehicle on a federal road.

37.6.5.3 DRIVER LOCATION (ADDRESS) INFORMATION

Most addresses currently returned by the LIFIS are for the city and state of the SCT office where the original licencia federal was issued. That currently is the location of the Mexican licensing office officially responsible for maintaining the permanent file of information regarding that driver. Certainly some drivers will have moved to other locations in Mexico from where they received their initial licencia federal.

A driver's current location in Mexico should be traceable through the responsible licensing office to the one where they obtained their most recent revalidation. The Nlets response distinguishes the fact that the address data returned generally is not the actual current address of the driver, by using the label of Original Licensing Office instead of Address. This will gradually revert to Address, as Mexico adds this information to the database.

37.6.5.4 MEDICAL / RESTRICTION INFORMATION

On the back of the license, at the top, a series of preprinted boxes exist which can be marked to indicate useful medical conditions of the driver, should he or she be involved in an accident.

The only pre-printed restriction box on the document applicable to operating a CMV in the United States is LENTES (eye glasses). If the lentes box contains the word "SI", the driver must be wearing corrective lenses, contact or eye glasses, to operate a CMV.

ANTIGÜEDAD	LENTES	DIABETES	R.H.	GPO.SANG.	HIPERTENSION
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OBSERVACIONES					
<hr/>					
<hr/>					
<hr/>					
EXP.M.P.T. No. _____ FIRMA DEL INTERESADO _____					
A AUTORIZA A CONDUCIR VEHICULOS PARA LOS SERVICIOS PUBLICOS DE AUTOTRANSPORTE FEDERAL DE PASAJEROS Y EXCLUSIVO DE TURISMO.					
B AUTORIZA A CONDUCIR VEHICULOS DE SERVICIO PUBLICO DE AUTOTRANSPORTE FEDERAL DE CARGA EN SUS DIFERENTES MODALIDADES: EXCEPTO LOS DE MATERIALES Y RESIDUOS PELIGROSOS.					
C AUTORIZA A CONDUCIR VEHICULOS PARA EL SERVICIO PUBLICO DE AUTOTRANSPORTE FEDERAL DE CARGA DE DOS O TRES Ejes (RABON O TORTON).					
D AUTORIZA A CONDUCIR VEHICULOS PARA EL SERVICIO PUBLICO DE AUTOTRANSPORTE FEDERAL EXCLUSIVO DE TURISMO EN SU MODALIDAD DE CHOFER-GUARDIA.					
E AUTORIZA A CONDUCIR VEHICULOS DEL SERVICIO PUBLICO DE AUTOTRANSPORTE FEDERAL DE CARGA EN GENERAL MATERIALES Y RESIDUOS PELIGROSOS.					

Additional possible restrictions may be placed on the document as explanatory phrases in the large comment field labeled as Observaciones. An important one for U.S. enforcement is that the driver could be restricted to operating a CMV in Mexico.

Because the licenses are manually typed in field offices around Mexico, currently this restriction phrase is not completely standardized. It is expected this restriction phrase will be standardized when the licenses are issued by the computer system being implemented by Mexico.

37.7 MESSAGE FIELD CODE (MFC) DIRECTORY

Each message transaction is comprised of multiple data elements; this section provides the necessary information on data elements for this transaction. Each data element is identified by a specific field name. Each field name is abbreviated with a unique three-character code called a message field code (MFC). The MFC's are sorted alphabetically, then followed by a plain-word description of each. The number immediately following the description indicates the maximum number of characters allowed for that data element. Below the description line is text describing specific requirements for this field.

37.7.1 CURP CLAVE ÚNICA DE REGISTRO DE POBLACIÓN - 18

CONDITIONAL

Alphanumeric only; Unique Code of Population Registry. A personal identifier, abbreviated as CURP, is now being used in Mexico. It incorporates and expands on the information contained in the current RFC number used on the existing licencia federal.

This 18-character code (which includes the first ten characters of the existing RFC number as displayed on the current Licencia Federal is proposed to be constructed as follows:

- 4 letters used to represent the driver's name;
 - 6 digits representing the driver's date of birth (yyymmdd);
 - 1 letter representing the driver's sex: (H [hombre] for male, M [mujer] for female), Note the LIFIS response over Nlets will use the usual U.S. abbreviations for sex of M for male and F for Female;
 - 2 letters representing the driver's state of birth;
 - 3 letters further representing the driver's name;
 - 1 letter or number + 1 number (the combination is selected to avoid duplicate CURP numbers) to identify the century for the driver's date of birth and provide a checksum for identifying the correctness of the CURP
-
- Is allowed in conjunction with OLN only
 - Not allowed in any other transaction

MANDATORY

Alpha numeric; combination of driver license number and “categoría”, in that order. The OLN must begin with the alpha letters shown as the beginning of the number on the document.

<i>Requirements for Driver's License Query</i>	
<i>Section</i>	<i>Requirements</i>
First part	The 2 to 5 alphabetic letters that form the beginning of the field on the license document labeled “LIC. No.”
Second part	<p>The up to ten numeric digits found after the letters in the field on the license document labeled “LIC No.”</p> <p>In most cases current licencias federales have six numeric digits after the initial letters.</p> <p>There are possible exceptions which can have a longer set of digits and/or characters:</p> <p>a) one of the two departments in the Mexican State of Chihuahua, could have up to 10 digits following the letters, plus an embedded dash [-] (note, the dash must be omitted when you make the inquiry);</p> <p>b) the proposed new licencia federal document shows an illustration with more than 6 digits following the letters at the beginning.</p>
Third part	<p>The class (categoría or categorías) you want to check on.</p> <p>The values for this will be one or more of the possible 6 alphabetic categoría codes (A, B, C, D, E, or F).</p> <p>A licencia federal is very unlikely to have more than 3 on a license document. Only A, B, C and E have any comparable CDL equivalent in the U.S.</p>

Currently when making an inquiry to the LIFIS, both the complete “LIC” number and the “Categoría” (located on the right above the picture) must be included as the complete OLN, i.e. “LicNoCategoría”.

Just as with some U.S. state license numbers that include letters, ALL licencia federal LIC Numbers ALWAYS Begin with letters, and those letters must be included as part of the OLN as they are shown on the document.

If there is more than one categoría shown on the document, it is acceptable either to make separate inquiries for each categoría, or to include more than one “Categoría” as part of the inquiry number.

Multiple categorías must all be included at the end of the inquiry number without spaces. This combination of the LicNo and the categoría currently functions for a LIFIS inquiry as equivalent to a U.S. OLN. When the LIFIS transitions to omitting the categoría, both versions of OLN construction will be supported for a period of time.

The reason the OLN must currently include the categoría of interest is because historically a Mexican driver could legally obtain more than one categoría from the SCT. The process for obtaining each categoría could take place at different times, and thus, a driver would have separate documents for each categoría, with different issuance and document expiration dates.

The SCT is working to change this practice. They plan to begin issuing only one license document containing all categorías currently valid for that driver, and all will expire on the same date. When that is completed, the inquiry will no longer require furnishing the categoría of interest at the end of the driver license number.

37.7.3 **RFC** PERSONAL ID # (SIMILAR TO SOCIAL SECURITY #) - **13**

CONDITIONAL

Numeric only; RFC number shown on Mexican driver license. RFC has been replaced by the CURP number

- Is allowed in conjunction with OLN only
- Not allowed in any other transaction